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1. MEMBERS BOTH NIGERIAN AND INDIAN NAC DELEGATIONS HAVE OFFERED SKETCHY IMPRESSIONS OF CONFERENCE DELIBERATIONS WHICH MAY BE HELPFUL IN ASSEMBLING JIGSAW PUZZLE RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED REFTEL.

2. ON GRUNK AND PRG SEATING ISSUE, ALL SOURCES AGREE QUESTION WAS SETTLED IN ADVANCE OF NAC WHEN INDONESIANS AND MALAYSIANS QUIETLY MADE KNOWN THEY WOULD RAISE NO FURTHER OBJECTION UNLESS OTHERS DID SO. BOTH DELEGATIONS THUS SEATED WITHOUT DEBATE. PROPOSAL TO NAME SIHANOUK ONE OF NAC VICE-CHAIRMEN DROPPED BY SPONSORS WHEN COOLER HEADS SUGGESTED SUCH MOVE MIGHT TRIGGER INDONESIAN AND MALAYSIAN OPPOSITION WHICH NO ONE WANTED.

3. ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM WAS SUBJECT EXTENDED DISCUSSION, WITH ARABS THEMSELVES HAVING DIFFICULTY AGREEING. NIGERIANS SAID THEY CAME UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM ARAB DELEGATIONS TO AGREE TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH GOI, WHICH RECOMMENDED BY FINAL NAC
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RESOLUTION. PALESTINIAN ATTACK ON SAUDI EMBASSY PARIS

SEEN AS MAJOR CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO ARAB DISUNITY.

4. NIGERIANS THEMSELVES PLAYED LOW-KEY ROLE IN FORMAL NAC PROCEEDINGS, CONCENTRATING INSTEAD ON BILATERAL CONTACTS AND CORRIDOR LOBBYING ON KEY OAU ISSUES. GOWON MADE FRIENDS BY LISTENING TO NEARLY ALL SPEECHES DURING HIS STAY AND GAINED RESPECT BY MODERATION HIS OWN ADDRESS, BUT RECEIVED MUCH LESS ATTENTION THAN AT ADDIS ABABA OR OTTAWA. FINAL NAC RESULTS THUS REFLECT ONLY MINIMAL FMG INPUT, AND NIGERIANS DO NOT APPEAR ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS. CROSBY

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